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## WATCH YOUR

## CAPSTAN

NOTICE THE ABSENCE OF SPLUTTER.

THE SLOW BURNING

WHAT A DELIGHTFULLY

COOL SMOKE IT IS.



MANUFACTURED

IN

ENGLAND

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EVERYWHERE

## ODDS AND ENDS.

## MAINLY ROBBERIES LOOT.

Should Dresses Be Criticised?

Madame Colette, one of the  
foremost writers in France, recently  
deplored that women's dresses  
were not subjected to criticism in  
the same way as plays and  
pictures. This view suggested  
the question as to whether the  
robe as turned out by Paris  
dressmakers was a work of art and  
therefore open to criticism. In  
order to obtain a reply to this  
question it was necessary to get  
the views of the dressmakers  
themselves. This has been done.  
Without exception they agree that  
the robe is a work of art and that  
it can be criticised like any other  
thing that is submitted to the  
public for its approval, only there  
are decided opinions as to the  
qualifications of the persons to  
whom this criticism is entrusted.  
They insist that the work should  
be done in good faith and that  
there should be nothing in the  
criticism calculated to harm their  
trade, for, after all, they are  
business people as well as artists.  
In their view the critic of robes  
should be a person of tried taste,  
of undoubted authority. One  
countrier has doubts as to whether  
any good would come of criticising  
robes. The argument he puts  
forward is one that cannot be  
ignored. The dressmakers work  
for women, he says, and after all,  
they have their personal im-  
pressions and have an idea of what  
suits them. Another dressmaker  
takes an entirely different view.  
He would welcome free criticism  
of his models, and would not mind  
if the critic wrote "The robes of  
are extremely ugly this year."  
This would not amuse him, but it  
would not make him withdraw his  
advertising contracts. If his  
dresses were adversely criticised  
he would insist on his right to  
reply to the critic and at so much  
per line. A lady who is at the  
head of a big dressmaking  
establishment is so keen about  
robes being criticised that she goes  
the length of suggesting that the  
countriers should decide not to  
give advertisements to those news-  
papers which did not make a  
feature of dress criticism.

An Arab Don Juan.

Mohamed Ben Ahmed, an Arab  
Don Juan, has fallen upon evil days  
through trying to introduce the  
dashing methods of lizards of other  
times into the respectable Paris  
suburb of Argenteuil. In February  
last year Mohamed fell in love with  
Madame Bolle, of Argenteuil, but the  
fact that her husband was still alive  
placed an obstacle in the path of his  
affections. He therefore resolved  
on the picturesque, downright  
methods adopted by his ancestors and  
other lovers of more adventurous  
days. One morning, when the hus-  
band had left home, Mohamed called  
upon Madame Bolle and man-  
aged to either follow him to be  
shot. On being respited he fired  
and wounded her. Early next morn-  
ing he was roused from his bed bythe police, who forced their way into  
his house, but he opened such a hot  
fire upon them at his bedroom door  
that they held back long enough for  
him to escape by way of the win-  
dow, running the gauntlet of fire  
from the other police below. He  
then took to a neighbouring wood,  
where, in spite of police guards posted  
all round it and searches carried  
out with hounds, he evaded capture.  
He even succeeded in stealing out of  
the wood by night, and returning  
with victuals stolen from the town,  
but on one over saw him.After he had been besieged in the  
wood for three days he again eluded  
the police sentries and secreted  
himself in the Bolles' house while  
the owners were out, with the in-  
tention of avenging what he consid-  
ered the slight that had been put upon  
him, and perhaps making his loved  
one a widow. When the Bolles re-  
turned the Arab fired upon them  
from his hiding place in a dark cor-  
ner, wounding the husband this  
time, but he was back in the wood  
again before the alarm was raised.  
For some days the police, who  
searched the wood were occasional-  
ly fired upon, but they never saw  
Mohamed. It was only after months  
of searching all over France that he  
was traced to Brussels. His own  
story of the affair is that he fired  
each time through fright. The  
people of Argenteuil, he said, took  
him for a dangerous bandit, and  
were making war upon him. His  
heart, apparently, still beats for  
Madame Bolle, for when the amari-  
cal in the witness stand he broke  
down and wept copiously into a large  
multi-coloured handkerchief, until  
the voice of the judge, sentencing  
him to five years' imprisonment  
banished the lover's despair for  
sterner sentiments.

A Korean Literature.

A kind friend sends us the  
following, copied literally from a  
letter written by a Korean youth to  
a lady in Honolulu, says the  
Atlantic Monthly:

Dear Mrs. P.

It is with faltering penmanship  
that I communicate with you, about  
the prospective condition of our  
house-girl Sarah.For remote time past, secret  
passion has been firing my bosom  
internally with loving your girl  
Sarah. I have travelled all the  
channels in the magnitude of my  
extensive jurisdiction, cruelly to  
smother the growing love knot that  
is being constructed within my in-  
side.But the timid lamp of my affec-  
tion, trimmed by Cupid's produc-  
tive hands, still nourishes my  
lovesick breast. Needless would  
it be for me to numerically exten-  
pore the great conflagration that  
has generated in my head and  
heart.During the reign of nightness  
my intellectually cranium has been  
entangled in thoughtful attitude of  
my beloved consort. Nocturnal  
slumberlessness has been the  
infirmary which has beset my  
now-generated condition.My educational abilities have  
abandoned, and now I cling to  
those lovely strands of your much  
coveted girl, like a mariner ship-  
wrecked on the rocks of love.As to my scholastic caliber, I  
was ejected from the Honolulu  
school. I am now masticating and  
will make a motion as soon as I  
perceive the business of life a little  
laxly.I am of lofty and original lineage  
and independent income, and  
hoping that having debated, propo-  
sition in your girl's mind, you  
will concur daintily, corroborated  
in espousing Sarah progeny to my  
tender bosom, and thereby acquir-  
ing me into your friendship circle.

As your faithful,

JOHN ALI GIN.

The Musician's Aisle.

Westminster Abbey, where the  
late Sir Charles Stanford was laid  
to rest last week, is the burial  
place of the first great English  
composer, Henry Purcell, who  
died in 1695 (says the Morning  
Post). He was the organist of the  
Abbey when only twenty-two  
years of age, and lies in the  
Musicians' Aisle (the north aisle  
of the choir). Other musicians  
who are buried or commemorated  
in the aisle are John Blow, master  
of Purcell and Croft, Michael  
William Balfe, Dr. Charles Burney,  
and Sir William Sterndale  
Bennett.

A Familiar Prayer.

No form of prayer is more fami-  
liar than the childish quatrain,  
known in the popular hymnology  
of nearly every country. Now I  
lay me down to sleep, I pray the  
Lord my soul to keep. If I should  
die before I wake, I pray the Lord  
my soul to take. The origin of  
this verse has been the source of  
much curious literary speculation.  
Bartlett, in his early editions of  
"Familiar Quotations" ascribed it  
to the "New England Primer."   
Watts has often been suggested  
as the author of it, but William S.  
Walsh, in his "Book of Literary  
Curiosities" states that Watts's  
hymn of two verses is, merely a  
paraphrase of a medieval Latin  
hymn which was known as the  
"White Paternoster" of which the  
familiar quatrain of modern days  
is a surviving fragment. A transla-  
tion of the "White Paternoster,"  
is given in Ady's "Candle in the  
Dark," a book printed in 1655, in  
the following form:Matthew, Mark, Luke and  
JohnBless the bed that I lie on,  
And blessed guardian  
angel keep  
Me safe from danger while  
I sleep.I lay me down to rest me  
And pray the Lord to  
bless me;If I should sleep, no more  
to wake.I pray the Lord my soul to  
take.The "White Paternoster," dating  
back to the Middle Ages, was  
probably taught to the children as  
an easily remembered form of  
prayer, suitable for the nursery,  
and so, course of time it became  
crystallized in the more simple  
form in which it is now remember-  
ed.

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## ANNUAL MEETING.

## DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME.

Mr. B. D. F. Brith presided at the annual meeting this morning. There were also present Messrs. H. P. White, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce (directors), F. C. Hall (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Hon. Chau Siu-ki, L. S. Greenhill, G. H. Percy, Ho Leung, Felix Ellis, S. E. Ellis, Ho Fook, J. M. Alves, D. V. Stevenson, Lo Cheung-shin, Lu Man-hin, Chiu Shiu-nam, A. H. M. da Silva, Lo Cheung-fo, J. F. Wright and W. L. Leask.

## CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—The Account for the year 1933 has proved quite a satisfactory one and this in spite of the continuance of bad trade, low rates and ever increasing competition. Again, however, this year we show a very considerable decrease in premium income, that for the year now under review being \$3,303,424.81 as compared with \$4,033,849.08 for the year 1932. This continued falling off in income is a disturbing factor and one that is exercising the minds of your General Agents and Consulting Committee. It is a comparatively simple matter to obtain business but where and how to acquire business of a remunerative nature is an entirely different proposition. We are not alone in this respect as the reports of practically all Marine Insurance Companies show that their incomes are now back to a pre-war level, if not rather worse.

In this connection, it may not be out of place for me to quote to you an extract from an article on the matter of marine rates that recently appeared in one of our leading shipping journals:—

"With regard to the important question of premium it may be said that, broadly speaking, the conditions which prevailed in 1931 and 1932 continued during the whole of the past year, and rates, whenever altered, have without exception tended downwards, and at the moment of writing have attained a figure below which a prudent underwriter will abstain from venturing. It is the near future losses and casualties occur, with the same frequency (in proportion to the bulk at risk) as they did in years immediately preceding the war, underwriters will, I fear, discover that they have been providing insurance considerably below cost price."

Although there is no cause for pessimism, I think you will appreciate from what I have just said that we have our troubles and difficulties like everyone else in these lean times.

Although the Accounts show decreases in premium income and interest for the year 1933 of \$730,424.27 and \$22,122.28 respectively, it will be seen that the result after 24 months' working is some \$15,000 better than that for the year 1932, the reason for this being the much improved loss ratio of 54.99% as compared with 63.54%.

Working Account for the year 1933 after 12 months' working also shows a fall in premium income of approximately \$450,000 and the balance of \$2,120,923.93 carried forward is consequently less by \$231,451.78 than that for the year 1932 at the same period. This account has yet far to go, but we see no present reason to fear that the ultimate result will be otherwise than well up to the standard of its predecessors.

Our Assets, as expressed in Sterling, stand at a higher figure by £82,000 than a year ago and, as expressed in local currency, they show an increase of over \$285,000. The satisfactory state of the various Reserves at 31st December 1933 has been more than maintained.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$1,368,315.45 out of which has been paid an interim dividend of \$18 per share. We now recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$22, the addition of \$25,000 to Sterling Reserve Fund, of \$250,000 to Reinsurance Fund and the carrying of the balance of \$503,072.81 to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the year 1933. The balance of \$2,120,923.93 at credit of 1933 Account allows of the payment of the usual Interim Dividend of \$18 for that year.

During the past year losses have been below the normal and there have been none of outstanding magnitude. This does not, of course, include the Earthquake in Japan of last September, or the Typhoon of exceptional violence which visited Hongkong on the 10th August. Although seven months have elapsed since the last disaster occurred, the sum of loss is yet far from complete owing to the enormous task of ascertaining the relative liability attaching to fire and marine insurance. In these two calamities, our losses, though naturally considerable, were no more than we might reasonably expect and much less than we at first anticipated.

I do not think there is anything further that calls for special reference, but I shall be pleased to

## MERCHANT'S DILEMMA.

ARRESTED WITH BAD  
COINS ON HIM.

## ON WAY TO SHANGHAI.

Li Chai-wo, described as the managing director of the Min Fat silk store in Canton, was discharged by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when brought up on a charge of being in possession of 78 counterfeit coins—twenty cent pieces of Canton currency.

Prosecuting for the Police, Sub-inspector Spear applied for permission to amend the charge, the original charge stating that 99 counterfeit coins were found on defendant but 21 had been proved to be good.

Defendant, continued the inspector, was arrested on board the s.s. "Kwong Lee" on which he was a passenger from Canton to Shanghai. The coins were found in a parcel in defendant's trunk and when examined by a money-lender, were declared to be of zinc and copper.

A Chinese detective told the Court he found the coins while searching the ship for arms. Representing the defendant, Mr. Armstrong said his client pleaded guilty of being in possession of the coins, but he had an excuse. He was a silk merchant in Canton and dealt with a firm in Shanghai. Last year the defendant shipped goods to Shanghai and received payment for them in twenty-cent pieces. Ninety-nine of these coins appeared to defendant to be bad and as it was the custom for the Shanghai firm to send down and change them, defendant decided he would take them to Shanghai himself. It was while on the journey to Shanghai on the "Kwong Lee" that he was arrested.

Giving evidence, defendant bore out his solicitor's statement and added that the coins were sent down by the Shanghai firm through a seaman on the "Kwong Lee." He was discharged and the 21 good coins handed back to him.

answer, to the best of my ability, any questions arising out of the Accounts which shareholders may wish to put, after the Accounts themselves have been duly seconded.

I now propose the following resolution:—

"That the Report and Accounts, as presented, including the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year 1933 of \$18 per share; the addition of \$25,000 to Sterling Reserve Fund, of \$250,000 to Reinsurance Fund and \$503,072.81 to Underwriting Suspense Account be adopted and passed."

Mr. Ho took seconded and the accounts and balance sheet were passed unanimously.

**Other Business.**  
The following were re-elected as the Consulting Committee on the proposition of the Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki, seconded by Mr. Lo Cheung-shin:—

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., A. H. Compton, Esq., A. S. Gubbay, Esq., Sir Robert Ho Tung, H. Humphreys, Esq., T. E. Pearce, Esq., H. P. White, Esq., and the Chairman.

Messrs. A. R. Lowe and J. Hennessey, Seth were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each on the proposition of Mr. L. S. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. D. V. Stevenson.



On enquiry at Government House, the China Mail was informed that His Excellency the Governor is going on satisfactorily. It is hoped that His Excellency will be able to attend to business on Monday or Tuesday next.

## RACE COURSE.

## WATER UP TO THE RAILS

TO-MORROW'S RACING  
PROSPECTS.

With the change in the weather this morning it is generally hoped that to-morrow's Empire Day race meeting under the auspices of the Jockey Club will not have to be postponed.

At the height of yesterday's rainstorm water was running, so we are informed, level with the top of the rails on the outside racing course. Nevertheless with their usual hardihood the China ponies were taken out for winding up gallops this morning, the work being confined to the inner (sand) track.

In town rumours got going that the Jockey Club might call the meeting off. One factor which lent colour to this report was the amount of water standing on the course this morning and the fact that a lot of mud had been carried on the racing track. The latter, we learn, is due to a drain in the cemetery being choked, the mud thus being diverted on to the course as was the case last year.

Up to this time no decision had been made but the prospects were good. The mud was being cleared and was not likely to prove an obstacle. Water was still standing on parts of the course but was going down visibly. Except for the turn between the three-quarter mile and five furlong posts, there was no part which had become a swamp. It was also stated that some of the club's stewards were to visit the course during the afternoon to-day and that a meeting would be held afterwards. The China Mail has been informed that if it is found impossible to hold the races, an "express" would be circulated to-morrow morning.

From another source we learn that the Jockey Club was going to hold the meeting and some of the owners were going to get their candidates re-sited.

## Tips For The Races.

## (BY "PATROL".)

At the time of writing, even owners and trainers do not know which races their mounts will be started in. The weather had done its level best to upset the final training arrangements and it has all but entirely succeeded. There is a prospect that if the sun keeps shining the grass course may yet have recovered to that extent when the going will not be nearly as heavy as anticipated yesterday. On the other hand, it is difficult to reconcile the hope that the turf will not cup up, with this week's abnormal showers.

Taking all aspects into consideration, my selections are as follows:—

First Race, "B" Class, six furlongs:—1 King Alfred; 2 Gaudie; 3 Langsat.

Second Race, Colonial Stakes, five furlongs:—1 Golden Jubilee; Uncle George, a place.

Third Race, "A" Class, six furlongs:—1 Edenhall; 2 Benz.

Fourth Race, Aggregate Snakes, one mile:—1 Fern Leaf; 2 Rothe; 3 Valiant Dahlia.

Fifth Race, Selling Plate, one mile:—1 White Rose.

Sixth Race, "B" Class, 1 1/4 miles:—1 King Alfred.

Seventh Race, "A" Class, 1 1/4 miles:—1 Kupp; 2 Spotted Sand; 3 Grey Dragon.

Eighth Race, Match, 1 1/4 miles:—1 Loch Rannoch.

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## THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. F. M. Crawford presided at the annual meeting this morning, and there were also present: Messrs. M. Manuk, W. A. Eustace, H. L. Holt and the following shareholders: S. J. Jordain, E. J. Ainslie, A. W. Avenall and H. Overy.

## Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—The profit for the year ending 29th February, 1934, including the amount of \$6,988.09 brought forward from last year, amounts to \$62,236.58, and this year Directors have allocated as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of \$2 per share on 21,000 shares fully paid up, \$42,000.00

To place to Equalization of Dividend Account 5,000.00

To write off Fixtures and Fittings 1,605.39

To pay a Bonus to Staff of 10 per cent, absorbing 7,324.00

To carry forward to credit of next account, 6,306.59 which your Directors hope will meet with your approval.

During the year under review your Directors were fortunate in being able to acquire the site and building which we now occupy, at what they considered a reasonable figure, thus assuring us a permanent home which, you will all agree, is a very desirable asset, especially to a retail firm such as ours.

Turning to the accounts you will see that against this asset there stands at mortgage \$868,000.00.

This mortgage, however, has now been very considerably reduced by the new issue of capital, which was authorised by your Directors, and made on 1st March 1934.

The stocks of the Company are held absolutely clean and have, in every case where necessary, been reduced to replacement cost.

The substantial increase in cash sales shown in our Men's Outfitting Department, has proved the wisdom of the removal to our present prominent situation next to the main entrance of the Hongkong Hotel. The rearrangement of the various departments in our Main Building has been very favourably commented upon, and we feel sure customers will appreciate the better service we can now offer them. By maintaining our present policy of giving the utmost value in all departments we look forward to a steady increase in business, which we trust will enable us to maintain the very satisfactory dividend which we have paid for years past.

Before concluding, I desire to thank the Managing Directors and Staff for their services during the past year, as it is largely due to their efforts that the results before you have been obtained, and I am confident that the bonus I propose to grant to the staff will meet with your approval.

I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts as presented (including the appropriation recommended by the Directors) be adopted, and I shall be obliged if some shareholder will kindly second this proposal whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

Mr. Jordain seconded the adoption of the report which was carried unanimously.

## Other Business.

Mr. R. L. Bridger was re-elected director on the proposition of Mr. Ainslie, seconded by Mr. Overy.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$600 on the proposition of Mr. Jordain, seconded by Mr. Avenall.

## CANTON PARS.

## GENERAL ASSUMES OFFICE.

## DR. SUN TO RECUPERATE?

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 22.

To-day General Hsu Shung-chi formally accepted office as commander-in-chief of the Cantonese forces in Kwangtung province. Representatives of the various armies, merchants, students and other influential bodies were present and General Hsu publicly professed his unswerving loyalty to Generalissimo Sun Yat-sen. He stated that his object would be to unite the Cantonese for the benefit of their home province.

Civil Governor Yang Shi-kum is reported as having asked for leave to proceed to Shanghai but it is not known if his request has been acceded to.

Some of the vernacular papers report the likelihood of Dr. Sun Yat-sen proceeding to the White Cloud Mountains for a brief stay to recuperate.

## HONKONG FLOODS.

TWO LANDSLIDES  
REPORTED.

## QUEEN'S ROAD SHOPS DAMAGED.

During the twenty-four hours ended at 10.30 this morning, 5.81 inches of rain were recorded at the Observatory in Kowloon. The highest figure for one hour is 1.74 for the hour between 12.30 and 1.30 yesterday.

Fortunately the heavy fall of rain has not been attended by any fatality. At 8 this morning there was a landslide at that part of Bowen Road near Magazine Gap and the highway was obstructed for a time. Copies from the P. W. D. got to work at once and the debris was cleared without much trouble.

It is also learnt that a landslide occurred in the vicinity of Tai Hang village, Causeway Bay, yesterday afternoon, but this was not serious.

People coming in from the surrounding country state that it is too early to predict whether any damage has been done to crops but they expressed the opinion that coming at this time of the year, the rice fields would welcome the rain. At any rate, a highly satisfactory crop was now anticipated.

After fifteen in Queen's Road Central opposite the Queen's Theatre yesterday, shopkeepers were busy preventing an accumulation of water entering their premises. Some of them had profited by the experience of last summer's deluge and had made preparations accordingly. Most of them attribute to the swamping of that part of Queen's Road to the alterations in the road level and the narrowing of the side channels.

Six inches of water entered the Tabacaria Filipina but the staff succeeded in getting most of perishable goods out of the way and the damage was not more than \$200 or so. A two-foot board caulked up with wax saved the premises of Cheong Woo Jewellers. No water got in there but next door, at Messrs. W. Assomull's, a couple of inches or so got beyond the barriers. At Loong Shing, another jeweller, the water reached five inches but the stock had almost been completely removed by then. In the premises of the China Drawn Work Co., there were several inches of water standing. Here the raising of showcases to about eight inches above the floor level prevented any damage.

## Chinatown Catastrophes.

A visitor from Canton described a part of Queen's Road West, not far from the lower entrance to the Government Civil Hospital, as somewhat akin to parts of the West River he had seen in the early stages of a flood season. "Rapids," that was the term he used, were pouring down Hollywood Road into its junction with Queen's Road West and shooting up two or three feet high against the opposite pavement yesterday afternoon. One granite boulder of about three cubic feet was carried right down the incline to the side channel where it reposed against an electric standard. A crowd of street urchins who tried to stand on it were continually washed off although they hung on to the standard.

There were at least six inches of water at the corner of Queen's Street and Queen's Road West and riches could only get round the turn with the greatest of difficulty.

The Race Course which became a wilderness of mud after last year's deluge also came in for its share yesterday. Elsewhere in this issue is an article on the races, we give the account.

The golf course at Happy Valley is in a boggy state and it is doubtful whether it will be playable over the week end. It needs many hours of strong sunshine before the course will even be in a tolerably dry condition.

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## AMOI.

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## TAKAO.

June 5—O. N.	Sunyang.
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## BANGKOK.

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## JAPAN PORTS.

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## PORTLAND.

June 10—U.S.S.B.	West Farall.
21—T.K.K.	Tonyo Maru.
32—P.M.	Pres. Wilson.
43—P.M.	Pres. Lincoln.
54—T.K.K.	Tonyo Maru.
65—P.M.	Pres. Wilson.
76—T.K.K.	Tonyo Maru.
87—P.M.	Pres. Wilson.
98—T.K.K.	Tonyo Maru.
109—P.M.	Pres. Wilson.
120—T.K.K.	Tonyo Maru.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

THE TOKYO EARTHQUAKE—  
WHY?

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]  
Sir,—I saw with interest that Mr. Copley Moyle had preached on this subject, and subsequently a number of letters appeared in the Press more or less condemnatory of the Almighty.  
It seemed to me that one aspect of the case was completely ignored in all the letters I read and if you will grant me the space in your valuable columns, (never more valued than when read in the home land!) I will deal with the matter as briefly as may be.  
Few are so grossly ignorant as to deny that Jesus Christ lived on earth. Tacitus, Suetonius, Pliny and Lucian, all refer to Him, while the date at the head of our newspaper A.D. 1924 is a silent witness to His existence. In Matt. xxiv. is recorded a conversation between Christ and His disciples; they ask Him "What shall be the sign of thy coming." He gives them eight signs, i.e.,

(1) A World wide war. (2) Great earthquakes in divers places. (3) Famines. (4) Pestilences. (5) Fearful sights and great signs—signs in the sun and the moon and the stars. (6) Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, till the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (7) Upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity. (8) The return of the Jews to Palestine as a nation, under the symbol of the "fig-tree budding."

Never before in the World's history have these eight signs occurred together. All are now coming to pass before our eyes.

The Tokyo earthquake is a fulfilment of prophecy, but it is only one of many. A few days ago the "Times" and "Morning Post" reported a larger earthquake than the Tokyo one, but stated the position was yet unknown, it was believed to be in the Pacific Ocean. Off the coast of Africa some months ago it was found that the sea bed had risen some three miles by a convulsion of nature, being only one mile deep, instead of four. We have had no less than half a dozen earthquakes in England in the last few weeks; who is man that he should question his Maker? The Tokyo earthquake happened to be the most destructive of life therefore it caused comment, the others were many of them just as great convulsions of nature.

(4) Pestilence: it is realised that while some 15,000,000 perished in the Great War, in four years, some 12,000,000 perished in four months in the great influenza epidemic of 1918?

The subject is an interesting one, but I must not trespass on your space. May I add however that the year 1934 measures to completion the mysterious period of "Seven Times" or 2520 years from the destruction of Jerusalem in B.C. 587 before which Christ is expected to return to earth to usher in the long wished for millennium which our Bolshevist friends tried somewhat vainly I fear to anticipate in their own way.

The whole subject is fascinating, but far too long to deal with satisfactorily in a newspaper article. I hope however I have offered one explanation of the Tokyo earthquake.

Yours faithfully,  
C. G. S. BARONSFEATHER,  
M.A., LL.B., M.D.

P.S.—I personally think the horrors of the Tokyo earthquake are much over-estimated. It is computed some 80,000 people die daily any way, and I personally would prefer to die in an earthquake, than of cancer.

Bournemouth, England,  
April 22.

## THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]  
Sir,—To-morrow being the anniversary of the birth of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, the Good, it is but fitting that floral tributes be deposited at the foot of the Victoria Memorial at Statu Square.

## WUCHOW WORRIED.

## HEAVY SOTRM.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Between 4 and 5 p.m. on Sunday a very heavy storm of wind and rain broke over Wuchow. Several sampans were overturned and some lives were lost. At 3 a.m. on the 19th the river Fu, a tributary of the West River, came out in spite and for three or four hours the port of Wuchow was demoralised. River steamers having to leave their Pals and go over to the south bank and anchor. The steamer "Lee Lung" with a number of rafts alongside was dragged to such an extent as to endanger the Gunboat "Moth." She had to let go her rafts and drifted gaily down the river to another anchorage. The river rose from twelve feet to twenty-one feet in three hours. On Tuesday morning the river had reached twenty-eight feet and then stopped rising. The river at Sanshui was two feet three inches at midnight on Wednesday.

## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Java sugar, average quality, per picul net:—Futures No. 24 rough white—July delivery \$10.73, August delivery 10.63, September delivery 10.53. Spot—No. 24 rough white 12.00, No. 24 fine white 15.10, No. 18 rough brown 12.55, Java brown 11.80.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net:—No. 1 Siam long white \$9.20, No. 1 Saigon long white 7.40.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.:—Sperry's XXX \$3.45, White Greens 2.52, Nutmeg Orange 2.48, Kingfisher 2.82, Maize 2.42, Tiger Shield 2.90, Globe, 2.42, Old Mill 2.42, Reindeer 2.50, Melon 2.45, White Rose 2.42, C. & C. 2.55, Dayton 2.50, Banana 2.42, Kwai Tao 2.42, Blue Ribbon 2.40.

Such reverence has not been observed for very many years and during the last couple of years I have reminded the British people in this Crown Colony the importance of this observance and respect but the patriots of the nation are not found in this far distant outpost of the Motherland. During her late Majesty's long and glorious reign, the supremacy of England has been made and powerful as she is to-day, the people of the British nation should for ever have the thought of the good work done by the beloved ruler and memory of her must not be forgotten.

I am certain that in London to-morrow keen observance will be taken and a wealth of floral tributes will be laid at the Victoria Memorial, not only from the people of the Nation, alone, but her admirers of foreign nations will also deposit wreaths.

I shall pay my respectful homage to-morrow at the Square, and I am hoping to see other wreaths laid.

Yours etc.,  
LOYALTY.  
Hongkong, May 23.

## COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

## POSITION AS ON MAY 22.

County.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Won. Inn.	Lost Inn.	Points.	Pos.	Percentage.
Middlesex	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Yorkshire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Lancashire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Surrey	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Leicestershire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Somerset	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Sussex	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Warwickshire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Kent	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Worcestershire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Glamorganshire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Essex	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Derbyshire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Nottinghamshire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Hampshire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Northamptonshire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00
Gloucestershire	10	5	5	0	0	15	75	100.00

The following matches were abandoned—Surrey v. Yorkshire, and Notts v. Warwickshire. The following matches were not completed in the 1st innings—Northants v. Warwickshire, and Notts v. Sussex. These matches are not included in the above table.

OPIUM SMUGGLERS.  
REPORT BY IMPORTS  
SUPERINTENDENT.

## SYNDICATES DISPERSED.

## FINES IMPOSED "NON-DETENTION."

That 284 persons were banished during the year for opium offences, that large quantities of Chinese documents relating to opium had been seized making it possible for powerful syndicates of smugglers to be dispersed but that the fines imposed for smuggling had in most cases proved non-deterrent, was reported at the Legislative Council yesterday in the weekly report of the Superintendent of Imports.

The report also stated that the gross revenue under the Opium Monopoly was \$5,759,443.58 as compared with \$5,561,305.35 in 1923. The price of prepared opium remained unchanged during the year. Sales maintained a steady level throughout the year notwithstanding the large amounts of Chinese raw opium which reached the Colony. This was due largely to the enterprising of Senior Revenue Officer Wat in conducting raids all over the Colony on illicit opium dens at all hours of the day and night. The record of his work for the year is as follows: Number of keepers of opium dens convicted 716, number of smokers of illicit opium convicted 3,359, number of dealers in illicit opium convicted 286, number of holders of illicit opium convicted 60. Had another Officer been available for this work, a far larger number of convictions could have been obtained in the Kowloon Peninsula.

Most of the seizures of prepared opium, continued the report, were made in opium dens, where a large part of the illicit opium used in the Colony is consumed. This was mostly composed of Chinese raw opium boiled in the Colony, in many cases on the premises of the dealer. Divan keepers are supplied daily with small quantities of illicit prepared or raw opium, generally not more than half a tin of prepared and up to six tins of raw opium at one time. Regular dealers send women and children to deliver the daily supply to the various divans. Many of the divans are managed by paid keepers, one man owning several places while the real owner keeps the house and is rarely caught. After a certain time a valuable goodwill attaches to a floor or cubicle which has become a popular divan, and though the divan has been raided and the keeper convicted and his opium smoking gear confiscated, it is not very long before the same place is in full operation again under a new keeper. In some instances the tenant of the floor charges a regular fee each night for allowing one of the cubicles to be used as a divan, so that one man may run it for a few days and then someone else. In one case the same floor was found to be used as a divan no fewer than five times the keeper was convicted each time and in some cases went to prison, but the only thing which finally put an end to the use of this place as a divan was the demolition of the house. The use of children to act as managers of divans is increasing, it being impossible to imprison children or punish them for doing what their parents or employers would punish them for refusing to do.

AN OPIUM SOCIETY.  
An attempt was made by divan keepers in the Eastern district of the City to form a mutual protection society, but the project was discovered.

in time and steps were taken to prevent the formation of the society. According to information received, the objects of the proposed society were to pay watchers and engage solicitors whenever a member was arrested, and to pay compensation to any member who was sent to prison and to set him in business again as soon as he was released by providing him with a new divan outfit. A fixed subscription was to be paid every month, and from the accumulated funds it was proposed to pay the fines imposed on any member. The originators of the scheme were Hui-lan and it was reported that membership was intended to be restricted to Hakkas, who conduct most of the opium divans patronised by the working classes in the Eastern district.

## REWARDS.

Under the heading of "Rewards" it is stated that the amount paid out as rewards in connection with opium and drugs including sundry expenses in connection with seizure was \$88,882. The largeness of this sum is due to the heavy seizures and to the intensified campaign against opium divans, as all information has to be paid for at a fairly high rate to encourage informers coming forward.

## DRUGS.

YEAR'S SEIZURES IN COLONY.  
According to the annual report of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports for last year, the seizures during the year were as under:

Morphine ..... 5,253  
Heroin ..... 23,400  
Cocaine ..... 18.

12 seizures were made and 3 persons were convicted, 2 being Japanese and 1 Chinese.

Heroin made its appearance for the first time, and has apparently rapidly become popular amongst Chinese. Germany has rapidly regained her supremacy in the manufacture of opium derivatives, the actual distribution of which appears to be still largely in the hands of Japanese or Formosan Japanese agents. So far as could be ascertained all the drugs seized were intended for use outside the Colony. In the Colony there would appear to be a present little misuse of such drugs.

Canton has been taking drugs in small quantities and there is some indication that the trade there in drugs is reviving notwithstanding the facilities for the purchase of opium. Most of the morphine seized was intended for Amoy, most of the heroin for Japan. It is reported that the demand for heroin in Canton came from one source chiefly, the manufacture of a popular patent medicine.

Revenue Officer Ward did very good work in connection with drugs during the year.

A new Ordinance No. 22 of 1923 was passed based on the Home legislation. The penalties are greatly increased and the import sale and use strictly regulated in accordance with the system in force in England.

## LIQUOR CONSUMPTION.

The consumption of European Liquors shows a very slight increase on the whole compared with 1914.

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European Liquors ..... \$458,256.77  
Chinese Liquors ..... \$810,925.10

The net revenue collected under the Tobacco Ordinance was \$1,831,979 as compared with \$1,474,677 for 1922. The smuggling of cigarettes was chiefly confined to high grade cigarettes of foreign manufacture, of which some large seizures were made.

The amount of Tobacco seized was as follows:—

Cigars ..... 10,200  
Cigarettes ..... 516,230  
Foreign Tobacco ..... 185  
Chinese Tobacco ..... 1,224

For anchoring on the central fairway the master of a junk was fined \$3 at the Marine Court this morning, his excuse being that the junk sprang a leak and he dropped anchor in order to get the water out.

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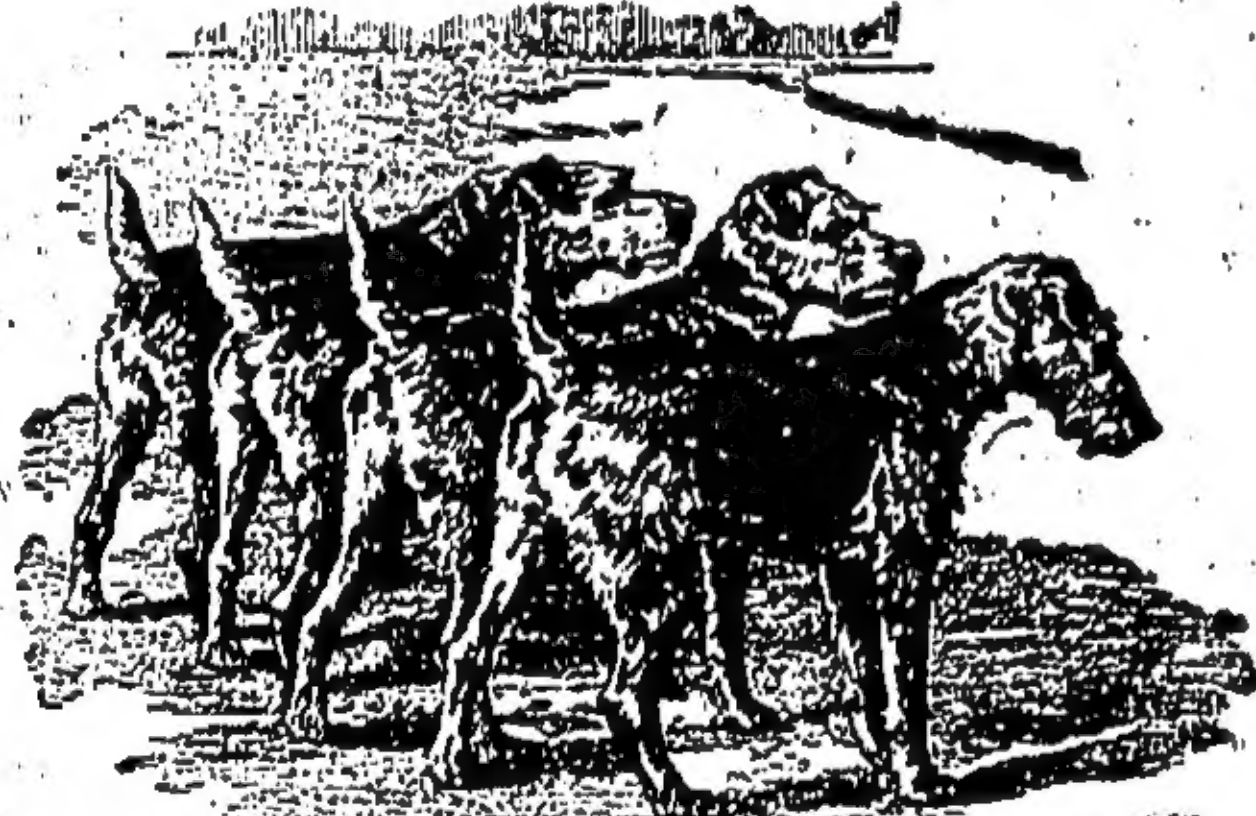
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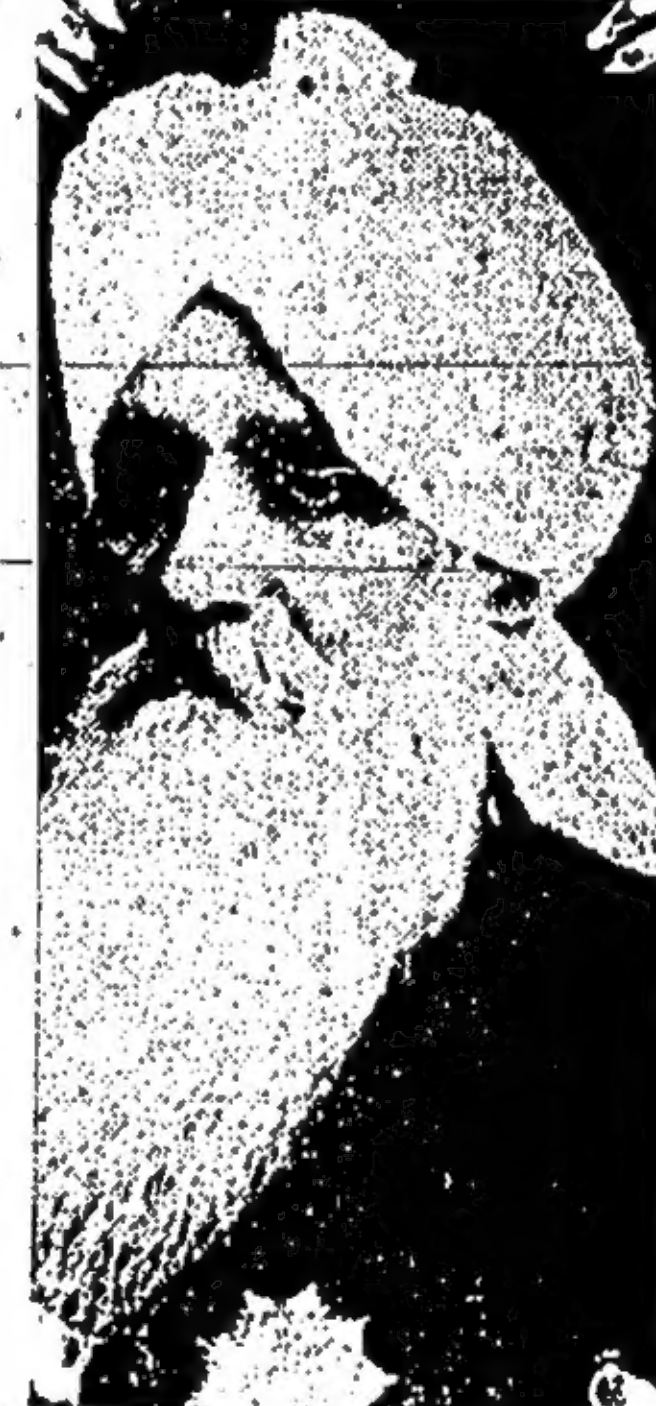
Opening of the American League baseball season in Washington. President Coolidge pitched the first ball for Washington against Philadelphia. If the umpire had called, it would most certainly have been "ball one." He was peremptorily retired and his substitute, Walter Johnson, won the game by 4 to 0. The President's ball was called a "highball" but it was decidedly not a drink as his right arm proves. Mrs. Coolidge is next to the President.



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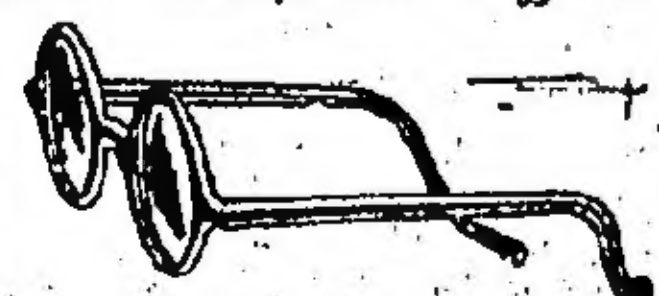
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